घंटे का उड़ान अनुभव प्राप्त कर लेने तक, जो भी पहले हो, रियायती उड़ान की व्यवस्था की परिकल्पना की गई है, महिला पायलटों के लिए भी समान रूप से उपलब्ध है।

Inquiry into working of D.T.C.

1208. SHRI RAM NARESH KUSHAWAHA:

SHRI VIRENDRA VERMA:

Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that an inquiry initiated by Government at the Joint Secretary level into the entire working of the DTC was shelved within a week of its initiation; and

(b) if so, what are the areas which were required to be inquired into at the Joint Secretary level and what are the reasons for abandoning the inquiry into the working of the D.T.C.?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) There had been no such inquiry either contemplated or initiated.

(b) Does not arise.

Modernisation of tracks, signals etc. on Kalka Mail and Dakshina Express routes

1209. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN :

SHRI SHANKER SINH VAGHELA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the total expenditure incurred on modernisation of tracks, signals, etc. on the routes of Kalka Mail and Dakshina Express and also in the modernisation of rake and locos of these trains since 1970; and

(b) what is the reduction in their travel-times, achieved over the years from 1970 to 1986 with this expenditure?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) The total expenditure incurred since 1970 on modernisation of track, signals etc. on the Kalka Mail and Dakshina Express routes is about Rs. 110 crores and Rs. 109 crores respectively. No expenditure has been incurred specifically on modernisation of the rakes and locos of these trains.

(b) There has been no reduction in the running time from 1970 to 1986. However, the load of the trains and the number of halts have increased.

Free Rail Passes

1210. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) what are the names of the persons to whom Railways have given free passes for their entire life;

(b) what are the reasons for issuing free passes to such persons;

(c) whether Railways are proposing to issue free passes to any other persons having similar qualifications; and

(d) if so, what are the details thereof and if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) No person has been given free Rail Pass valid for life.

(b) to (d) Do not arise.

Organisation of festivals for India abroad

1211. SHRIMATI SUDHA VIJAY JOSHI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) what are the names of countries where Festivals of India are proposed to be organised during this year and what are the main features thereof;